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The above company has the knowledge and ability to continue to impact the progress of communications in our country in the future as it has in the past and at this time, there should be concern of stifling our national progress thru inordinate restrictions that can act as a detriment to that development.

The public welfare extends to that future development more than the public welfare in either penalizing Microsoft too harshly in sharing information with competitors or in monetary penalties at this time. Overall the public has little support for harsh penalties and feel the major proponents are simply those companies who are in the "me too" welfare line to attempt to share in the profit of the research and development success of Microsoft. Forsightness on the impact of severe control Vs future US technology potential should be the true measurement of any legal decision